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SUBJ: CUBAN REACTION OF VOICE OF AMERICA ALLEGATIONS OF INVOL-
VEMENT IN SHABA PROVINCE

1. CUBAN EMBASSY CIRCULATED A NOTE DTD JUNE 26, 1978 TO ALL
EMBASSIES, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BENIN REJECTING STATEMENTS MADE ON THE SPANISH
LANGUAGE BROADCASTS OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA ON JUNE 23, 1978.
NOTE STATED THAT, ACCORDING TO BROADCAST, ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT
MOBUTU HAD INVITED JOURNALISTS IN FRANCEVILLE, GABON TO COME TO
KINSHASA TO VIEW WITH THEIR OWN EYES CUBANS CAPTURED IN SHABA.
CUBAN GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY REITERATED THAT NO CUBAN
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SOLDIER HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENTS IN SHABA AND STATED THAT
MOBUTU'S FABRICATIONS ARE SYMPTOMATIC OF THE "SHAMEFUL" CONC-
UBINAGE THAT HE MAINTAINS WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION.
CUBAN GOVERNMENT CALLED ON MOBUTU TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS OFFER IN
ORDER TO PUT AN END TO A "MASQUERADE" ORGANIZED IN ORDER TO
PERMIT NATO INTERVENTION IN AFRICA.

2. NOTE CONTINUED SAYING THAT CUBAN GOVERNMENT, SUSTAINED BY THE MORAL FORCE OF ITS POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES, WARNS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT MOBUTU SESE SEKO, "WHOSE LINKS WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND OTHER IMPERIALIST SECRET SERVICES ARE WELL KNOWN," HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THESE AGENCIES IN EXHIBITING CUBAN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WORKING FOR THE CIA OR CUBAN CITIZENS KIDNAPPED IN ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY AS SO-CALLED PRISONERS. AFTER FINAL DENUNCIATION OF MOBUTU, THE WEST GERMAN MONOPOLY OSTRAC, ZAIRE'S ACTIONS AS NATO'S "PROSTITUTE" IN AFRICA AND THE ROLE OF THE CIA, THE NOTE CONCLUDES WITH AFFIRMATION THAT CUBA IS CONVINCED THAT THESE LIES WILL BE "UNMASKED, SINCE HUMANITY HAS LEFT BEHIND IT FOREVER THE TIME WHEN A LIE COULD PREVAIL INDEFINITELY AND CONCEAL VIOLENT ACTION AND GENOCIDE ON THE PART OF THE IMPERIALIST POWERS."

3. COMMENT: CUBANS MUST HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY STUNG BY THE BROADCAST SINCE IN THE PAST THEY HAVE NOT DEIGNED TO RESPOND THIS VEHEMENTLY TO ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR ROLE IN THE SHABA INVASION. THOMPSON

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